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SUBJ: SPANISH SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENTS

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SUMMARY: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AMONG SPAIN'S VARIOUS SOCIALIST GROUPS INCLUDE: (A) COMPLETION OF JAN 14-19 VISIT OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL STUDY GROUP (WITHOUT MITTERAND, WHO DID NOT COME); (B) RETURN TO SPAIN OF PROMINENT PSOE "OLD GUARD" BREAKAWAY FACTION LEADER RODOLFO LLOPIS; AND (C) CREATION OF TWO NEW SOCIALIST COALITIONS: ONE HEADED BY PSP LEADER TIerno GALVAN AND THE OTHER GROUPED AROUND USO TRADE UNION. END SUMMARY

1. STUDY GROUP OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) VISITED SPAIN AS GUEST OF SOCIALIST PSOE (REFTELS) FROM JAN 14-19. MITTERAND IN THE EVENT CANCELLED HIS PARTICIPATION BUT REPORTEDLY PROMISED PSOE TO MAKE VISIT LATER. PSOE CHIEF FELIPE CONZALEZ HAS TOLD US HE THOUGHT MITTERAND'S SCHEDULE DID PRESENT PROBLEMS, BUT THAT MITTERAND PROBABLY ALSO FELT MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THE IDEA OF MAKING THE TRIP ON HIS OWN. SI STUDY GROUP  
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WAS LED BY SI SEC GEN HANS JANITSCHKE, AND COMPRISED JENNIE

LITTLE FROM BRITISH LABOR PARTY, VERONICA ISEMBERG FROM GERMAN SPD, PIERRE GUIDONE FROM FRENCH PS, JAIME GAMA FROM PORTUGUESE PSP, AND ABRAHAM ALLON FROM ISRAELI LABOR PARTY.

2. STUDY GROUP HELD A MADRID PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 16 FOR WHICH, IN NEW LIBERAL SPANISH ATMOSPHERE, PERMISSION HAD BEEN SOUGHT AND OBTAINED. JANITSCHKE SAID: (A) SI STUDY GROU WAS IN SPAIN TO ACQUAINT ITSELF WITH SPANISH POLITICAL SITUATION AND TO ASSIST PSOE; (B) STUDY GROUP DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN SPANISH DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS, BUT FELT CONTINUED PRESSURE WAS NECESSARY UPON NEW SPANISH GOVT; (C) SI'S RECOGNITION OF PSOE HAD BROUGHT PROTESTS FROM OTHER SPANISH SOCIALIST GROUPINGS, BUT SI VIEWS PSOE AS MAJOR SOCIALIST FORCE IN SPAIN TODAY AND AXIS FOR UNIFICATION. THE SI GROUP REJECTED OVERTURES, MOST NOTABLY BY TIERNO GALVAN'S PSP (A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED "JUNTA DEMOCRATICA") TO HAVE CONTACT WITH OTHER SOCIALIST GROUPS.

3. WHILE PSOE LED SI STUDY GROUP AROUND SPAIN, SMALL PSOE "OLD GUARD" REMNANT VOTED OUT OF OFFICE IN 1972, CELEBRATED RETURN TO SPAIN OF THEIR LONG-TIME (1946-1974) LEADER, RODOLFO LLOPIS, AFTER 36 YEARS OF EXILE IN FRANCE. THE 80-YEAR OLD LLOPIS ENTERED SPAIN WITH A PASSPORT RECENTLY GRANTED HIM ON JANUARY 16. (LLOPIS GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN MADRID ON JANUARY 22.)

4. LLOPIS IS FIRST REALLY PROMINENT HIGH-LEVEL SPANISH CIVIL WAR EXILE TO RETURN UNDER NEW SITUATION. GOVT ISSUED LLOPIS A PASSPORT, AND WILL PAY HIM A SMALL PENSION FOR HIS ONE-TIME SERVICE AS A SCHOOL TEACHER. FROM GOS' POINT OF VIEW LLOPIS IS VENERABLE AND ANTI-COMMUNIST, AND AN EARNEST OF MADRID SPRING. HE ALSO MIGHT CAUSE GONZALEZ, WHOM THE GOS DOES NOT LIKE, A SPOT OF TROUBLE.

5. TO ADD TO THE DRAMA, TWO NEW SPANISH SOCIALIST "COALITIONS" HAVE RECENTLY BEEN CREATED. THE SPANISH SOCIALIST CONFEDERATION, WITH PSP LEADER TIERNO GALVAN AS ITS PRESIDENT, INCLUDES THE PSP, THE ANDALUCIAN SOCIALIST ALLIANCE OF SEVILLE LAWYER ALEJANDRO ROJAS MARCOS, AND SIX OTHER MINUSCULE SOCIALIST REGIONAL GROUPS. THE COMPONENT GROUPS OF THIS SOCIALIST REGIONAL

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GROUPS. THE COMPONENT GROUPS OF THIS SOCIALIST "CONFEDERATION" BELONG TO THE PCE-MANIPULATED "JUNTA DEMOCRATICA". THE OTHER SOCIALIST PARTIES REPRESENTED, EXCEPT THE ASA, APPEARS TO CONSIST OF A HANDFUL OF PSP FOLLOWERS WHO HAVE SUDDENLY AND CONVENIENTLY TRANSFORMED THEMSELVES INTO REGIONAL SOCIALIST PARTIES.

6. THE OTHER NEW SOCIALIST "COALITION" IS THE IBERIAN

SOCIALIST CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS CREATED SIX MONTHS AGO. IT HAS AS ITS NUCLEUS THE ILLEGAL USO CATHOLIC-ORIENTED TRADE UNION (WHICH NOW CONSIDERS ITSELF "SOCIALIST"). IT COMPRISES THE USO, AND A BRAND NEW MINI-GROUP CALED THE SOCIALIST RECONSTRUCTION PARTY, HEADED BY 31-YEAR OLD LABOR LAWYER AND USO LEADER ENRIQUE BARON, AND THREE SMALL REGIONAL GROUPS. THIS IBERIAN SOCIALIST CONFERENCE IS AN EFFORT BY USO TO PROJECT ITSELF ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL.

7. NEITHER PSOE NOR ITS UGT TRADE UNION AFFILIATE HAS BEEN CAUGHT UP IN THIS SOCIALIST COALITION FEVER. PSOE LEADERSHIP HAS TALKED WITH LLOPIS' OLD GUARD REMNANT BUT NOTHING HAS COME OF IT TO DATE, THOUGH GONZALEZ HAS TOLD UA A HEALING OF THAT BREAC MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.  
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